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Reply to Office Action of April 16, 2007

Remarks

The present amendment responds to the Official Action dated April 16, 2007. The Official Action rejected claims 1-3, 9-12, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Tuohino et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,027,433 (Tuohino) in view of Slater et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,517,564 (Slater). This ground of rejection is addressed below. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to be more clear and distinct. Claims 18-23 have been added. Claims 1-3, 9-12, and 15-23 are presently pending.

The Art Rejections

As addressed in greater detail below, Tuohino and Slater do not support the Official Action's reading of them and the rejections based thereupon should be reconsidered and withdrawn. Further, the Applicants do not acquiesce in the analysis of Tuohino and Slater made by the Official Action and respectfully traverse the Official Action's analysis underlying its rejections.

While Tuohino is entitled "Routing A Call Between Different Types of Networks", it addresses a prior art arrangement shown in Fig. 1 in which a call is routed from a user or subscriber A of mobile terminal MS_A to a subscriber B that uses mobile terminal MS_B. In particular, calls are routed from A to B to C rather than directly from A to C when forwarding is required. See, Fig. 1 and col. 3, lines 46-49.

As the Official Action indicates, Tuohino does not disclose receiving a message in an integrated location management component that the call is to be forwarded to a third network; terminating the call to the second network; and extending the call from the first network through

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a second network interface to the third network. Slater is relied upon as purportedly addressing the deficiencies of Tuohino.

Slater describes a method and apparatus "for transmitting calls generated by a first communication network over a second communication network to a third communication network." (emphasis added) Slater, Abstract and col. 2, lines 46-67. Further, Slater addresses whether a call is "to be routed from the first communication network to the third communication network by means of the second communication network." (emphasis added) Slater, Abstract and col. 2, lines 46-67.

As presently amended, claim 1 addresses a general arrangement for call forwarding in which an integrated location management component receives a message "that the call is to be forwarded to a third network". The "call to the second network" is terminated, and the call is extended "from the first network directly to the third network". (emphasis added)

As presently amended, claim 9 addresses an "integrated location management apparatus" comprising "means for obtaining a third call identifier from a third network responsive to an indication from the second network that the call is to be forwarded to the third network."

In Slater, a call goes from A to B to C. As shown in more detail in Slater's Figs. 6, a call is to be established between A, PBX 24, and C, PBX 25, where each PBX is associated with a local network, requiring the use of a network B, a public switched telephony network (PSTN) 22, as part of the communication path. Slater, Fig. 6 and, for example, col. 6, lines 11-36. Slater provides no terminating of the call to the second network nor extending the call from the first network directly to the third network. Further, Slater does not address call forwarding, an

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integrated location management apparatus, nor "means for obtaining a third call identifier from a third network responsive to an indication from the second network that the call is to be forwarded to the third network" as claimed in claim 9. Slater does not teach and does not make obvious the method of claim 1 nor the integrated location management apparatus of claim 9. Slater does not cure the deficiencies of Tuohino.

New independent claim 20 and dependent claims 18, 19, 21- 23 have been added. Claim 20 distinguishes from Tuohino and Slater in the same manner as claim 1.

Since dependent claims depend from and contain all the limitations of the corresponding base claims, the dependent claims distinguish from the references in the same manner as the base claims and place claims 1-3, 9-12, and 15-23 in order for allowance.

Conclusion

All of the presently pending claims appearing to define over the applied references, withdrawal of the present rejection and prompt allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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